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19th Semi-Annual CSNA Convention

HOTEL MAR MONTE, SANTA BARBARA, NOV. 8-11

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

10:00 a.m. Registration, Convention Hall
Placing of Exhibits; Setting Up of Bourse
1:00 p.m. Convention Opens Officially

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

9:00 a.m. Registration Continues
1:30 p.m. Auction, First Session
Leo A. Young
7:30 p.m. Numismatic Forum
Thomas W. Ward, Chairman

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

8:00 a.m. Club Officers' Breakfast
William H. Spence, Chairman
9:00 a.m. Registration Continues
10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
1:30 p.m. Auction, Second Session
7:00 p.m. Banquet
Herbert M. Bergen, Chairman
Maldo the Magician
Mar Monte Hotel Trio
Presentation of Awards
9:30 p.m. Dance — Music by Mar Monte Hotel Trio

MAR MONTE HOTEL — Surrounded by ever-blooming gardens and facing one of California's finest beaches, the Mar Monte, CSNA convention headquarters, basks in Old World atmosphere. Rare art treasures of Spain and Latin America add grace and something of grandeur to spacious public rooms and restful charm to guest quarters. Broad lawns and palm-shaded patios — out of town, yet only a few minutes from the heart of Santa Barbara by city motor bus — dressing rooms and showers on the beach — delightful new cottages built around pergola courts — a sun-flooded dining room with many broad windows looking across colorful gardens to the sea — large, quiet guest rooms, some with private balconies facing the blue Pacific.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(Continued)

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

End of Convention

1:00 p.m. Informal Post-Mortem Buffet Luncheon
Dr. Calvert L. Emmons in Charge

MONKS STANDING NEAR THE FOUNTAIN AT THE SANTA BARBARA MISSION. Founded by Junipero Serra in 1770, the mission was completed in 1786. Known as "Queen of the Missions", it is the only mission where services have been held continuously since its founding and dedication.

ANA Convention -- President's-Eye View

Dear Charley:

So you want a president's-eye aeeount of the ANA eonvention at Chieago? Well, Mrs. Panosh and I went by train and toured Wisconsin for a week before the eonvention. Wonderful trip. Perfeet weather, eool, and for us Southern Californians the oeeasional shower only added to the pleasure of the trip. The lakes, running streams and green forests of Wiseonsin were never more beautiful.

Chieago is the same huge bustling eity it was many years ago when I lived there, but with many ehanges. Subway, more parks, new super expressways. But the Congress Hotel is the same, some rooms air-eonditioned, some with TV, but still two hotels, north and south, with eonneeting eorridors on the first and third floors. Convention faeilities were divided between the first floor, south, seeond floor, south, and third floor, north. As a result, I spent four full days there and never did run into some of the Californians present.

Doc Curtis and **T. Kirk Hill** were mueh in evidenee, the former with his eamera, but I never did run into either **Mrs. Curtis** or **Mrs. Hill.** Saw **Earl** and **Irene Parker** and daughter **Jeannie** the first day in the eoffee shop. The bourse with more than 60 dealers included **Leo Young** with **Mrs. Young, Karl Brainard** from Santa Monica, **Abe Kosoff,** Eneino, **Abner Kreisberg, Beverly Hills,** and **Charley Jones,** Los Angeles. **Charley Ruby** from Fullerton was to be found in the bourse most any time and **Charles Johnson** from Long Beaeh was in evidence. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Ernest Kessler** from Fontana were there for a part of the eonvention. **Clyde Grimm,** former Chieagoan but now of Santa Moniea, was back to visit his old stamping grounds. **Paul Wittlin,** recently of Monterey but now of San Franeiseo, also was present. As I say, there probably were others, but I did not see them.

It was an exeellent eonvention. The committee, headed by **Glenn Smedley,** did a wonderful job of handling the eonvention. Registration reached an all-time high of 1023. There were some 87 exhibits, making the judging eommittee, headed by **Diek Yeoman,** a real ehore. The forum was very good and attraeted a good attendanee. The auetion played to a full house every session and priees ran eonsistently high. The elub representatives' breakfast with diseussion following was so sueeessful that it will be given an even more prominent spot in future eonventions. Business sessions lacking an eleetion of offieers were largely routine. The committee in eharge of ladies' and children's aetivities, headed by **Jean Bradfield** and **Mareella Sheldon,** did an outstanding job, with something doing every day. The eonvention elosed with the banquet Saturday night whieh was attended by 414 persons.

NEW CLUB AT NORWALK

The Norwalk, Calif., Coin Club has joined the ranks of the many new elubs in the state. The first meeting was held Aug. 27 at the shop of the founder, Robert Epple. The nueleus of the membership was a group who had met informally at Epple's radio and television repair shop and eompared notes on eoins they had aequired.

As an indieation of the interest, 46 persons were present at the first meeting. Of these, 30 applied for membership. Temporary offieers eleeted for the remainder of 1956: President, Warren Dawson; vieepresident, Riehard P. Goodson; treasurer, J. L. Kenney; and reeording seeretary, J. R. Barrett. Members of the board of governors are Robert Epple, William Fitzwater and H. Cundall.

The elub's first speaker was George Bennett, aetive in several Southern California eoin elubs, and well-versed in the field of aneient eoins. Forty-nine persons attended the seeond meeting, held Sept. 24. H. Cundall was speaker. Along with a display illustrative of his talk, Cundall deseribed the proeesses by whieh eoins are made, and diseussed the artistie aspeets of numismatie design.

Czechoslovakia's Coins

By MILTON C. STRAUCH, Daly City

The roots of the Czechoslovakian Republic go back to the days of the medieval kingdoms of Bohemia and Moravia. The Bohemians, who played such a significant role during the 14th to 17th centuries, were defeated by the Habsburgs in 1620 at the Battle of White Mountain.

The Thirty Years' War originated within Bohemia in 1618, when she was in the midst of a national and religious revival. The election of a Protestant count instead of Ferdinand of Austria to the Bohemian throne precipitated a war involving the member states of the Holy Roman Empire — ultimately a war involving almost all of Continental Europe. Bohemia's part in the Thirty Years' War ended in 1620, when she lost her independence and thereafter was treated as a conquered nation. The Slovaks had been so treated by the Magyars since 907 A.D. when they lost the Battle of Bratislava.

For almost 300 years Bohemia and Moravia were mere provinces in the Habsburg Empire. Threatened with Germanization in the last half of the 18th century, the Czechs were awakened nationalistically by the reforms of Maria Theresa and Joseph II. They began an organized struggle for liberation from Austrian hegemony during World War I, preferring to remain within a Habsburg federation if possible, or alternately as an independent nation.

The Republic of Czechoslovakia was proclaimed October 28, 1918, (their independence day) after the bloodless revolution in Prague. Three days later the Slovaks indicated their adherence to the new state. Czechoslovakia's boundaries were fixed definitely by the peace treaties. The old historic frontier of Bohemia-Moravia and the ethnic boundaries in Slovakia made up the new state. Czechoslovakia's monetary system was not prepared for coinage, so as a result coins of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire were used until the new government could mint money. After three years these foreign coins were withdrawn from circulation as the new coinage of the Republic came into being.

The new nation issued several commemorative gold and silver coins. The 1 and 2 ducats of 1923 were issued to honor the fifth anniversary of the Republic (obverse, lion on shield; reverse, St. Wenzeslaus bust). Later, the 5 and 10 ducats were added to complete the gold series (reverse, St. Wenzeslaus on horse). Wenzeslaus, patron of Bohemia about 911-929, later was declared a Christian Saint. The 10 koruna 1928 was issued for the 10th anniversary of the Republic (obverse, bust of Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, founder and first president of Czechoslovakia). The 20 koruna 1937 (bust of Masaryk) commemorates the death of ex-President Thomas G. Masaryk, 1850-1937.

On Sept. 12, 1938, Adolph Hitler demanded self-determination for the Sudetan Germans. The British prime minister negotiated with Hitler and as a result of the conference of Munich on Oct. 1, 1938, Nazi troops occupied parts of Bohemia. Hungary demanded rectification along the borders of Slovakia and Ruthenia and Poland took over Teschen. On March 15, 1939, prostrate Bohemia-Moravia agreed under pressure to become German protectorates. Coins of but one type were issued under this occupation. These were minor coins similar to the previous issue except for the name Bohemia-Moravia.

A day later the Republic of Slovakia, created by the Germans, was proclaimed. Having the blessings of Hitler, it was a republic in name only. Monsignor Joseph Tiso was the first and only president. This state lasted only for the duration of the war (1939-45). Several coins were issued to commemorate past and present events. The 50 koruna 1944 was issued for the fifth year of the republic, and was the only crown struck during this secession period (Monsignor Tiso's bust is shown on obverse). The 20 koruna 1939 shows Tiso's bust. The 20 koruna 1941 (ob-

verse shows Saints Cyril and Methodius, Greek-Macedonian missionaries from the Byzantine court, who arrived in Bohemia about 836, on request of the Moravian prince because of the increased demand for the Slavic language. These men were both Holy Apostles and founders of the Slavic literature). The 10 koruna 1944 shows Pribena. The only minor coin of importance is the 5 koruna 1939 with portrait of Father Hlinka, chief advocate of Slovakian autonomy. All coins have the arms shown on reverse.

In May 1945, after the collapse of Germany, the Republic of Czechoslovakia was re-established, with the same boundaries as before except that Ruthenia was incorporated into the Soviet Union. The newly constituted nation was placed in a difficult position after the war (1945) as a result of the deterioration of relations between Soviet Russia and the West, especially the United States. Her security depended upon alliance with Russia (against Germany); her economic welfare depended upon trade with the West. Because of industrial development and the need for markets, Czechoslovakia was forced into the orbit of Soviet Russia. The 50 koruna 1947 (obverse female standing) commemorated the Slovak insurrection against the Germans in 1944. This was the only silver coin post-war Czechoslovakia minted under a democratic regime.

Communists led by Prime Minister Klement Gottwald seized control of the government in February 1948. By October all Czechoslovakia once again was living under a police state. Under the Communists the following coins were issued: 50 koruna 1948, (for the third anniversary of liberation); 100 koruna 1948 (for the 600th anniversary of Charles University, founded by Emperor Charles IV in 1348 at Prague. It is the oldest Central European University); 100 koruna 1948 (for the 30th anniversary of freedom from Austro-Hungarian domination); 100 koruna 1949 (issued for the 700th anniversary of the granting of mining privileges at Jihlava, town midway between Vienna and Prague, noted for mining laws dating back to the 14th century. Silver mines in the area made Jihlava a very prosperous town until the discovery of America by Columbus. After the Spanish conquered parts of the New World, great quantities of silver were mined and brought into Europe, forcing a gradual decline in Jihlava's importance). Czechoslovakia was the only satellite state of Russia to honor Joseph Stalin with his portrait on its coins. This was for his 70th birthday and the issues were 100 and 50 koruna, 1949. The 100 koruna 1951 (bust of President Gottwald, third president) honored his 30 years in the Communist party, 1921-51.

After May 1945 protectorate and Slovakian coins were used as legal tender as well as the new Czechoslovak coins. This was due to the shortage of coins during the early post-war period. They were gradually withdrawn from circulation as prosperity came back. The coins of the Republic were not withdrawn from circulation when the Communists took over. The new government assured the people that the coins still would be of legal monetary value. As none of the commemorative coins issued by the Communists was put in general circulation, I presume they were minted mainly for numismatists, especially Americans, so that the Czechs could obtain our much needed dollars for trade.

The money reform act of June 1953 ordered withdrawn all coins and currency in circulation, and only new coins and notes became the legal tender of the state. Since this law there no longer is a free exchange of numismatics among collectors as the law prohibits the exporting of coins from Czechoslovakia.

KEY TO PLATE

1. 10-ducats, gold, 1934, lion on shield; rev., Saint Wenzeslaus on horse. 2. 1-ducat, gold, 1923, lion on shield; rev., half figure of Saint Wenzeslaus facing. 3. 20-koruna, silver, 1933, arms of Czechoslovakia; rev., three standing figures. 4. Rev. of 50-koruna silver, 1944, Slovakia; obv., not pictured, shows Tiso's portrait. 5. 20-koruna, silver, 1941, Saints Cyril and Methodius; rev., arms of Slovakia. 6. 100-koruna, silver, 1948, 600th anniversary of Charles University; rev., arms of Czechoslovakia. 7. 100-koruna, silver, 1949, 700th anniversary of the granting of mining privileges of Jihlava; rev., arms of Czechoslovakia. 8. 100-koruna, silver, 1949, Stalin's 70th birthday portrait; rev., arms of Czechoslovakia. Coins illustrated ¾ actual size.

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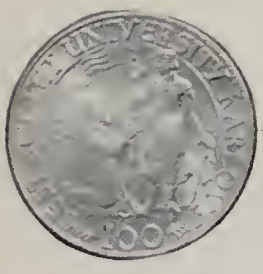

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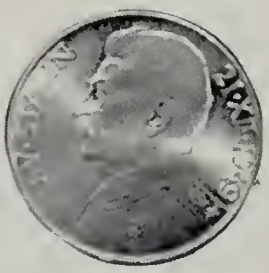

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Names in World History

Peter the Great

1672-1725

CZAR OF RUSSIA, 1682-1725

By DR. C. GLENN CURTIS and BILL TOBITT

The eraftsman who earved this eoin might have, if he'd let himself go, adorned Peter I's head with a halo supported by horns. Pete was as two-sided a eharacter as they eome — and Russia's had plenty in her time. He was both a heel and a hero, a genius and a jerk. But he wound up being Peter the Great — and he earned it the hard way.

During his reign the soeial, politieal and religious struetures of Russia went through the biggest shakeup they'd had up to then. He kicked a hole in the original iron curtain for a personal peek into the Western world, liked what he saw, and put a lot of new ideas into action at home.

Pete's people were popeyed at the way he pulled the switch on traditional customs and praetiees. Up to his time, Russia's rulers had had no truck with the outside world, but Pete changed all that. He ehose a Seotsman and a Swiss as his military advisers and pieked the daughter of a German bistro owner as his mistress.

He spent months in Europe, part of it incognito, learning shipbuilding, navigation and military teehniques. He drafted military and maritime regulations that helped set up Russia's first real army and navy. And he used these strongarm outfits to knock foreign heads together all over the plaee.

Pete was eonvineed that Russia would never get out of the bushes until it had a seaport that wasn't solid ice six months out of the year. So he picked a fight with Turkey and took over the city Azov on the river Don a few miles from the Blaek Sea. This was just six years after he'd moved into the Kremlin as top man.

Until Pete's time, trade with foreign countries had been a eapital crime. He reversed the field. He subsidized merehants to trade all over the place, and toward the end of his reign Russia was selling twiee as much as it bought.

His boys flubbed one in Sweden in 1700, but Pete took over part of Ingria anyway three years later and planted St. Petersburg at the mouth of the Neva. Foreed labor built the place and forced inhabitants housed it, Pete uprooting the nobles from Moseow and shifting them to St. Petersburg. When he wanted something, he got it. For instanee, he finally got all of the Baltie eoastline he wanted.

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Who's Who In California Numismatics

Dr. Ray H. Wilson

By CHARLES V. KAPPEN

One way to get more out of the coin collecting hobby is to complete one series, sell it, and begin another. That is the means which Dr. Ray Holland Wilson of San Diego uses to learn more about the coinage of different countries.

His son, Stuart, became interested in coins while attending a summer boys' camp. In helping Stuart, Dr. Wilson also became interested, so joined the San Diego Numismatic Society.

Dr. Ray collected many series until he got most of the principal coins concerned, then sold them and started anew. He has collected all U.S. coins, particularly half dimes, nickels and $2½ gold pieces. Roman, Greek and Mexican coins followed. He had a very complete collection of colonial Mexican coins, 1536 to 1821. His article, "Colonial Coinage of Mexico" was published in **The Numismatist** in 1952.

At present his interest is in Canadian coins. He is specializing in Newfoundland.

Other hobbies are leather work and photography. The latter has added much to his numismatics experience, as he has photographed many series of coins, notably the nickel series and coins of Newfoundland. Many will remember the beautiful slides of Newfoundland coins which he showed during the forum at the San Diego convention.

Dr. Wilson is member No. 13 in the CSNA, having joined the first year. He joined the ANA in 1941. He also is a member of the Canadian Numismatic Association (No. 126) and the San Diego Numismatic Society. He has served four years as secretary and two years as president of

the SDNS. He has served on various ANA and CSNA committees.

For his exhibits at CSNA and ANA conventions, he has won several ribbons. At the 1951 ANA convention in Phoenix, Ariz., he won first award, foreign, with his display of Mexican coins. He won fourth award for "Counterstamped Mexican Coinage" at the San Diego CSNA convention in 1949; second award at the Santa Barbara CSNA convention in 1951 for a display of Mexico; and third award for "Coinage of Newfoundland" at the San Diego CSNA convention in 1955.

His numismatic library consists of books on Colonial Mexican, American and Canadian coinages.

Dr. Ray was born at Keewatin, Ontario, Canada. His early life was spent in Ontario, Iowa and British Columbia.

He served in the Canadian Army during World War I as a lieutenant in the 29th (Vancouver) Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. Wounded three times, he was awarded the Military Cross for action in the Battle of Hill 70.

Dr. Wilson attended Columbian College and the University of Toron-

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GUILD ELECTS OFFICERS

The Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc., elected five board members to serve until the next election in August, 1957. The five elected were Sol Kaplan, C. C. Shroyer, James Kelly, Arthur B. Kelley and A. Kosoff. Kaplan was named president; Kelley, vice-president; and Shroyer, secretary.

In addition to other matters of business, the Guild approved setting up an award for the Numismatist of the Year, with a committee consisting of A. Kosoff, chairman, Arthur B. Kelley and David Karp.

The Guild has invited the International Association of Professional Numismatists to hold its 1958 conference in Los Angeles in conjunction with the ANA convention to be held in that city.

Announcement was made that a standard for guidance in preparing advertising copy is being prepared by the Guild's publicity committee and that this standard will be made available to members soon.

TWO NEW DEALERS

William R. Weber opened a coin shop in San Jose Sept. 15. His address is 82 S. Second St.

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Denzil R. Goble is now a coin dealer in Sacramento, having opened a store at 425 K St. in August.

YOUNG MOVES

Leo A. Young, formerly of Lockeford, moved to Oakland in September. He held open house at his Oakland Coin Shop Sept. 15. His new address is 3244 Grand Ave., Oakland.

COLUMN ON PANOSH

"Living It Up", a column by Frank Rhoades in a San Diego daily newspaper of Sept. 8, carried as a headline, "Coin Collecting Soars as a Hobby". The column was based on an interview with Leonel C. Panosh, ANA president and CSNA director.

NEW YORKER GOLD STORY

In "The Talk of the Town" section of the New Yorker magazine for Sept. 15, under the subhead "Inborn", pp. 34-36, is a brief history of U.S. gold coins and of the counterfeiting of British sovereigns.

CHARLES R. GODBEY

CSNA 570

Charles R. Godbey, 74, coin dealer of Oakland, died Aug. 30 after a brief illness.

Affectionately known to his friends as "The Colonel", he was active in many organizations including the Masonic Lodge, High School PTA, Methodist Church, the California State Numismatic Association, and the East Bay Coin Club.

A native of Kansas, he had lived in Oakland for the past 26 years. He retired from the Southern Pacific Company six years ago after 22 years of service.

Charles Godbey became interested in coin collecting while a young man, specializing in U.S. coins, but mainly interested in proof sets. He bought and sold many collections, and in 1936 he and his wife opened "The Coin Shop" in Alameda. In 1950, after he had retired from the S.P., they changed the name of their shop to "Godbey's". He is survived by his wife, Myrthine, and his son, Gerald Ralph Godbey. Mrs. Godbey will continue with the coin business.

WORTH PNNA CHAIRMAN

Appointment of William N. Worth to be general chairman of the 1957 Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association convention has been announced by President Clyde L. Davis of the host club, the Oregon Numismatic Society. Dates of the meeting will be May 24-26 in the Multnomah Hotel in Portland, Ore.

Bill Worth also was chairman of the highly successful Pacific Northwest Numismatic convention held in the City of Roses in 1955. For the following year he was PNNA president. —Dud McClure.

DEALER INFORMATION

Dealer members of the CSNA who wish news of auction and special sales to appear in **Calcoin News** should send catalogs of such events to the editor. It would be appreciated if the dealer would digest rarities and outstanding items in a note to the editor. After the sale, if sent the prices realized, the editor will select some of them for publication. Deadline for such news will be the first of the month preceding date of publication (Dec. 1 for January issue).

MORE ON

Dr. Ray H. Wilson

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to, from which he was graduated in 1923 with a D.D.S. degree. He took up dentistry after the war and practiced in Vancouver, B.C., for several years. Seeking a better climate, he came to California in 1927. He opened an office in San Diego in 1929 and has lived in that city ever since.

Florence and Ray Wilson were married Aug. 24, 1927. They have two sons, Stuart, 28, an attorney, and Allan, 22, who will be graduated as a dentist this year at Stanford.

Dr. Wilson is a Kiwanian, a Mason, and a member of several dental organizations.

—CSNA—

PAY YOUR DUES

It is noted in the treasurer's report, September issue of **Calcoin News**, that 190 CSNA members had failed to pay their 1956 dues as of July 31. Are you one of the delinquents? Please check your records and look at your membership card. Is it for 1955 or 1956? Send $2 check to Thomas W. Ward, Route 1, Box 85, Fallbrook, Calif.

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SAN JOSE COIN CLUB HAS EXHIBIT AT COUNTY FAIR

The San Jose Coin Club had a booth at the Santa Clara County Fair Sept. 10-16 for the ninth consecutive year. Now one of three giant regional fairs, paid admissions totaled 243,247 this year for the seven days.

The Fair committee was composed of William Stones, chairman, Rudy Gjurovich and George Kohl. Roy Hill is club president. The committee arranged for a 20-foot booth front.

Exhibits: Tom Boyce, Coins of Our Neighbors to the South — Mexico; **Rudy Gjurovich,** parade trophies, parade and coin exhibit ribbons, Bryan money, plastic-mounted display of U.S. and foreign dollars, proof and uncirculated sets, coins of Leopold the Hogmouth, Siamese porcelain and Egyptian glass; **Roy Hill,** Tenino, Wash., wooden money and other depression scrip, coins and tokens of Hawaii, Ceylon, Malay, Java and Germany, wall decorations; **Major Charles V. Kappen,** ancient odd and curious media of exchange, modern coins showing various compositions, shapes, sizes, etc., coins of Bible days, German notgeld, coins of British North America, freak U.S. coins, and Irish gunmoney; **Don Lillo,** Confederate currency; **Ralph H. Smith,** U.S. fractional currency, trade dollars and commemorative half dollars, crown-size coins, ring, tie pin and cufflinks made with U.S. gold coins; **William Stones,** U.S. large cents, half cents, two cents, commemorative and regular half dollars and dollars; **Syl Tully,** "Historical Coins of the World", including gold daric of Persia, 5th century B.C., tetradrachm of Alexander the Great, electrum stater of Carthage, 340-242 B.C., Himyarites Southern Arabia, 1st century A.D., Ostrogoths Athalaric 526-534 A.D., English silver penny of William the Conqueror, 1066-1087 A.D., Spain, Moorish rule 12th century A.D., Golden Horde dirhem 1312-1340 A.D., Florence, Italy gold florin, 1303-1422 A.D., Vienna, Austria, 3-kreuzer 1529 A.D. and Mexico pillar dollar, 1761.

—CSNA—

In Anglo-Saxon times, if you bought anything, you paid for it with cattle. The word for cattle was **feoff.** As fee, we still use it today.

California Club News, Views and Whos

After this issue, secretaries and reporters for Northern California coin clubs should send their news to John E. Ohls, 1519 39th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif. Ohls has been named assistant editor of **Calcoin News**. His duties will begin with the January 1957 issue, copy deadline for which is Dec. 1.

East Bay Coin Club

Meets 2nd Friday, 8 P.M., at Danish Hall, 164 11th St., Oakland, Second Floor

Fifty-six members and 27 guests were present at the September meeting. Three new members, Anna Lowenstein, A. F. Haskell and William B. Vennard. were introduced. Jesse M. Feeney applied for membership.

John E. Ohls, PCNS president, described the various 1915 items in the PCNS collection. He said any donations or items for sale of that year's Exposition will be well received.

Members stood for a minute of silence in memory of two loyal and respected members, Charles Godbey and Roy Wharton, who died recently.

Exhibits: Ken Allen, complete U.S. gold and silver type set; Leo Young, Panama Pacific set and complete uncirculated set Liberty Standing quarters, including overdate; Mike Carr, types of U.S. $1 currency; Victor Madden, complete uncirculated set Buffalo nickels and 1869/68 Indian Head cent; A. G. K. Jakobsen, pioneer 1855 Kellogg $20 gold piece; Lew Moorman, wampum; Don Thrall, national currency of Bay Area banks; Kirby Brown, native Indian gold coins, including the fannam, "world's smallest"; Earl Parker, proof type set, U.S. gold, Albania commemorative gold coins, proof set 2-cent pieces; Charles Bigelow, Ferdinand VI ¼- through 8-reales; Roy Hill, Canadian coins and Iceland trade tokens from Eklund collection; Barney O'Hea, foreign coins; Don Rhodes, $5 national currency, Mechanics and Merchants Bank, Vallejo.

—D. J. Redmond,
Secretary.

Los Angeles Coin Club

Meets 1st Friday, 8 P.M., at Foresters' Hall, Los Angeles

The 342nd meeting was held Sept. 7. Attendance was 153 members and guests. Thomas Rhoads, David Ableser, Joan Stilgenbauer, W. K. Erdman and Thomas W. Nielsen became members.

Madison E. Douglas Jr. was appointed exhibit chairman and announced that award ribbons will be given for the three best exhibits at each meeting, as well as an award for the best exhibit by a junior member. C. A. Dunbar was appointed sergeant-at-arms. The October meeting will be devoted to an auction of proof, uncirculated, rarities and gold.

William D. Koonce, who just returned from a year's tour of Australia and New Zealand, spoke on his travels and numismatic experiences in New Zealand, illustrated with color slides taken on his trip. Koonce also presented a very fine display of New Zealand coins, tokens and examples of native carving.

Exhibits: William H. and Esther G. Spence, Mexican crowns; Harold F. Donald, Ancient Greek and Roman coins; Grace M. Brainard, good luck tokens containing coins; Earl Glen Whitehead, type set of U.S. commemoratives; and Oliver S. Garretson, type set of U.S. coins.

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The 341st meeting was held Aug. 3, Pres. Earl Glen Whitehead presiding. Attendance set an all-time high record of 171 members and guests. Robert E. Epple, Dora Salazar, Philip J. Ferguson, Mrs. Nina Patten, James A. Bracken, Mrs. Dorothy Bracken and Paul A. Keener were voted into membership.

A nominating committee for election of 1957 officers was appointed: Earl Glen Whitehead, W. R. Fanning, B. I. Singer and Perry O. Ward. An amendment to the by-laws was proposed, increasing the number of

elected officers to include second vice-president, recording secretary, sergeant-at-arms and auditor.

Dr. Gleason L. Archer talked on "Militant Coins of Islam". His subject was particularly timely, due to present unsettled conditions in the Near East. Dr. Archer compared the rise of Islam under the caliphs to present-day conditions in modern Islam.

Exhibit: Vreeland H. Fraser, gold types, mounted in plastic, including a Stella.

—Mrs. O. S. Garretson,
Secretary.

Monterey Park Coin Club

Meets 2nd Monday at
Monterey Park Community Center,
Monterey Park

The 19th monthly meeting was presided over by Mr. Paap, president. Thirty-three members and guests were present. Jack Reberry displayed "pieces of eight" and John Hauser showed fractional currency. Two new members were admitted to the club. John Munnecke conducted the auction.

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The Aug. 13 meeting was called to order by George Dashiell, treasurer, due to the illness of President Paap. Thirty members and guests were present. A talk on the history of gold and a marvelous display of gold was made by Vreeland Fraser of the Los Angeles Coin Club. A 1955 mint set and a 1931S cent were given as door prizes. The auction was conducted by John Munnecke. Refreshments were served.

—Mrs. Vera Schymos,
Corresponding Secretary.

Orange Co. Coin Club

Meets 4th Wednesday,
8 P.M., at Woman's
Clubhouse, Brea

Aug. 22 — 218th meeting; Pres. Courreges presiding; 82 present; exhibits; auction; refreshments; six new members admitted.

Despite absentees on vacation and at conventions, a good attendance came out to hear William H. Spence of Inglewood talk on "Dos Mundos Pillar Dollars". These were the most widely used coins circulated in the Western World during colonial times. They were used as legal tender in America as late as 1857 when there were still more than two million in circulation.

The speaker explained that most of these coins are found in good condition due to their superior design and very durable alloy of metals. Their minting commenced at the Mexico City mint in 1732 and continued until 1772. The later type, called Spanish milled dollars, found their way to Asia and other parts of the world.

Exhibiting specimens of these coins, Spence pointed out the meaning of the design from which the name "pillar" was derived, namely, the Pillars of Hercules at Gilbraltar. The one on the left of the coin carried the imperial crown and the one on the right the regal crown. The symbols were used to indicate the joining of two hemispheres by Spain when it was one of the great colonial powers.

Samples of pillar dollars also were exhibited by Dan Harley and Dr. C. Glenn Curtis.

—Herb Bergen,
Secretary.

PCNS

Meets last Wednesday,
8 P.M., at Palace Hotel,
San Francisco

H. L. HILL, PCNS No. 3

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society of San Francisco has been saddened by news of the death of its oldest charter member, H. L. Hill, 95, Sept. 15. Though he had discontinued collecting some years back, he was retained as member No. 3 on the PCNS roster. For the last few years he had resided in San Diego.

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The 487th meeting was held Sept. 26 with 38 members and six guests present. Guest speaker was Stanley S. Hawley, staff member of the University of California and former editor of the EBCC **Circulated Proof,**

who talked on "People and Coins of Ancient Greece". He also showed slides, with the help of Ken Allen.

Exhibits (18): Ken P. Allen, U.S. gold and silver type set; Clifford Bloom, ancient Greek and Byzantine gold; George Burkhardt, modern Greek coins; Michael Carr, U.S. coins; Rudy Gjurovich, ancient coins; Stanley Hawley, ancient Greek coins; Roy Hill, large bronze asses; Clifford Liss, New York commemorative medals; Kurt Loret, Greek silver coins; Les Lodge, new donations to "1915 collection of the PCNS"; Ralph Mitchell, Chinese jade pieces; Bernard O'Hea, new issues of various countries; E. A. Parker, notes and modern Greek coins; D. L. Redfield, Greek coins; Don Rhodes, only known specimen of $5 national currency on Mechanics and Merchants National Bank, Vallejo, Calif.; Edward Sins, 1878CC dollar from circulation; Don T. Thrall, Bay Area national currency and silver dollars; Leo Young, ancient Greek gold, including one bearing the letters LEO.

Members stood in a moment of silence in memory of H. L. Hill.

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Forty-one members and guests were present at the 485th meeting, designated "Bourse Night".

R. G. McArthur, CSNA president, spoke on and exhibited 50 specimens of "So-Called Dollars".

An account of his recent trip to London was given by Kurt Loret, who said his search for coins was disappointing.

—Frank C. Powell,
Secretary.

Peninsula Coin Club

Meets 1st Thursday at Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 725 University Ave., Palo Alto

Pres. Stanley Blois presided over the 30th meeting Sept. 6, with 24 members and guests in attendance.

R. G. McArthur, CSNA president, spoke on "So-Called Dollars" and displayed his large collection of same.

A card was read from Jimmie Lyons, junior member now in service in Texas. Jimmie is spending much time sorting through coins.

Displays were shown by Robert F. White, Phil Stevenson, Roy Hill, W. T. Mackey and Stanley Blois.

A 1956 Canadian mint set was the raffle prize won by F. C. Clough of Speidel Newspapers, Inc.

—Letha Gamble,
Secretary.

San Bernardino Co. Coin Club

Meets 3rd Thursday, 8 P.M., at Legion Hall, 631 "G" St., San Bernardino

Pres. A. Ben Coon greeted 51 members and guests at the 99th meeting. Half dollar-size tokens commemorating the 100th meeting of the club were sold. Eva and Luis Dohnalek and Robert J. Moss became members. Guests introduced by Dan Harley, club mintmaster, were Jesse Davis, David Hornberger, Mrs. W. V. Barrett, Ellen Phelan, Everett Smith and George Kanoti.

Charles G. Colver displayed a collection of proof sets from 1937 to date. Dr. C. L. Emmons showed a complete set of Confederate currency, in keeping with the subject of the evening's program.

Bryan O. Burke Jr. introduced the speaker, Banker J. D. Wood, who described and discussed the series of Confederate currency and told several interesting stories regarding the background of these issues. The ANA slide set on Confederate currency also was shown in conjunction with Wood's talk.

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At the 98th meeting, 47 members and guests were present. Bryan O. Burke Jr. reported on the type of program favored by members, as shown by questionnaire.

Howard Smith, collector of the month, displayed a complete set of commemorative half dollars and several Colonial coins. Herbert Feinberg gave advice on when to buy and when to sell coins. He suggested that from the standpoint of the investor — coins should be sold when one is satisfied with the margin of profit achieved; and that — from the standpoint of the collector — one should sell when interest in a particular series wanes. Feinberg expressed confidence in a rising demand for numismatic material as more and more people become interested in the field, but cautioned that sufficient time must elapse to

enhance the value of many coins to an appreciable extent.

Dan Harley, club mintmaster, introduced the following guests: Robert Moss, John Finkbiner, Amos House, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Parks, David Feinberg and Maury Kolman.

An advisory panel, appointed to answer collectors' questions, decribed and illustrated various ways of preserving proof coins in plastic, in transparent envelopes and by other means. The program was completed with the showing of the ANA slide set on U.S. silver coins.

—L. L. Brown,
Recording Secretary.

San Jose Coin Club

Meets 1st Monday at First Federal Savings & Loan Assn. Bldg., 50 N. 1st St., 2nd St. entrance, Friendship Room

On Sept. 3 Pres. Roy Hill called to order the 119th meeting with 20 members and guests present.

Ralph Smith was tendered a special resolution of thanks for his generous donation of two coin exhibit cases to the club.

The speaker of the evening, Charles V. Kappen, spoke on "Coins of Bible Days", illustrating his talk with colored slides and a fine, comprehensive display of 60 coins from the earliest starting with Ionia, 1st coinage, 7th century B.C. (Swastica), through Nerva, 96-98 A.D. (St. John liberated from Patmos), to the silver penny of Edward I of England 1279-1351 A.D.

Roy Hill, Austen Warburton, Charles Kappen, Ralph Smith, Rudy Gjurovich and William Stones volunteered to exhibit at the club's booth at the Santa Clara County Fair Sept. 10-16.

Bill Weber announced the opening of his new coin shop on Sept. 15 at 82 S. Second St., San Jose.

Exhibits and comments were offered by the following: Rudy Gjurovich, coins of Ireland, South Africa, Hawaii, England, and a Vatican set of Pope Pius VI; Ralph Smith, shin plasters of 1874 and '75, and 20-peso note of Mexico; John E. Ohls, twelve 5-mark coins of the German Republic; Bill Weber, 4 U.S. large cents, including 1800 overdate 1799, defective planchet 1797 (Sheldon No. 157), double profile 1833, and mint state 1809; Roy Hill, California Indian wampum, Siamese bullet money and first coins of Indo-China Kingdom 1952; William Stones, Canadian dollars and book on Chinese coins.

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The San Jose Coin Club celebrated its 10th anniversary with a banquet at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara, August 6. Twenty-nine members and guests competed for the 10 silver dollars which were distributed to the lucky holders of discs from the anniversary cake.

Guest speaker, John E. Ohls, president of PCNS, gave an excellent talk on "Commemorative Coins of California", explaining the symbolical allegories of design on the PPIE, Diamond Jubilee, San Diego, and Bay Bridge coins. Also coins to illustrate his talk were displayed.

—Beverly Gayle Smith,
Secretary pro tem.

Vallejo Numismatic Society

Meets last Friday in Bohemian Room, Casa de Vallejo Hotel, Vallejo

Don Rhodes spoke at the August meeting on the Chicago ANA convention. High points in the talk were descriptions of the Eliasberg collection and auction sale bidding. More than 1000 collectors registered for the four-day event.

Exhibits: Carl Conner, British coronation sets of Edward VII, George VI and Elizabeth II, U.S. gold coins, Carson City dollars, 3-legged Buffalo nickel; Mike Carr, 1891S dollar, 1925S qquarter, 1947S quarter and pin with four cents mounted on it; Roy Hill, pillar type ½-, 1- and 2-real pieces; Jess King, necklace made of mounted U.S. gold coins; Walt Gerth, coins of Iceland; Roman Helete, coronation medals and coins of Great Britain; Fred Jordan, Spanish 8-real countersigned for Brazil; Maxine Hopperstad, certificate of appreciation for bond drive participation; Don Rhodes, convention memorabilia and 1936 and 1937 proof sets.

—Hawley E. Rich,
Secretary-Treasurer.

From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

753 ALEXANDER, Roy M. .....5800 E. Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 22, Calif.
757 ANDERSON, P. K. .....420 N. W. 11th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
750 BURROUGHS, R. B. .....International Dairy Supply Co., A.P.O. 503, Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.
755 KELLEY, Kenneth C. .....216 Fine Arts Bldg., 1017 S. W. Morrison St., Portland, Ore.
751 LANE, Edward S. .....5541 Maxwelton Road, Oakland 18, Calif.
752 MARRONE, Vic.....13312 Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima, Calif.
756 SCHANZLIN, G. L. .....1223 Cedarview Road, Springfield, Ohio
754 STEVENSON, Phil.....150 E. Floresta Way, Menlo Park, Calif.

ADDRESS CHANGES

660 HARRIS, Raymond K. .....Wyoming Hotel, 1919 Wyoming Ave., Dearborn 2, Mich.
713 HOFF, George T., Sfc.....Pirmasens Signal Depot, 7773rd Army Unit, A.P.O. 189, New York, N. Y.
643 JOHNSON, Norman A. .....7660 Gloria Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.
644 JOHNSON, Ruth A. .....7660 Gloria Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.
555 LISS, Clifford L. .....Apt. 7M, 310 Arballo Drive, San Francisco, Calif.
666 PERRY, Gerald C. .....336-A Carolina St., Vallejo, Calif.
703 SMITH, Ralph H. .....2298 S. 1st St., San Jose, Calif.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on hand July 31, 1956		$745.47
Receipts: 1956 dues	$ 32.00	32.00
Total receipts		$777.47
Disbursements: **Calcoin News**	$221.35	
Medals	313.24	
Printing	44.66	
Postage and supplies	12.00	
Total disbursements		591.25
Cash on hand September 30, 1956		$186.22

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership July 31, 1956	494
Paid-up members July 31, 1956	304
Membership September 30, 1956	510
Paid-up members September 30, 1956	320

THOMAS W. WARD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Peter the Great

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Religious freedom was a fetish with him, but that didn't apply to his polities. He tortured his enemies, including his own son, Alexis. He mincemeated thousands of his subjects in reprisal for rebellion.

He established freedom of worship but hogtied freedom of the individual. He had his son tortured to death for political reasons. He was called a blood-thirsty tyrant by some. He was likened to God by others.

And one historian claimed that if it hadn't been for Pete and his ways, Russia today would have been a Swedish province.

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